

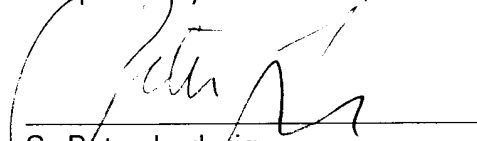
### REMARKS

This submission is in response to the Official Action dated October 30, 2002. Claims 1-9 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 10 and 11 have been added. Claims 10 and 11 are pending. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

New claim 10 is fully supported by the specification as filed at, *e.g.* page 31, Table 1, and page 31, lines 17-21. New claim 11 is fully supported by the specification as filed at, *e.g.* page 25, lines 4-17.

Consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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